

REMARKS

Applicants hereby leave in the case only new claims 28-40, which they submit are supported by the originally filed parent application and do not raise issues of new matter.¹

Exhibit B hereto has a copy of the new claims with parenthetical notation referring to examples of support in figures and/or text (by column/line) in the patent granted on the parent application.²


A copy of the parent patent, No. 6,006,227, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this amendment timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a further telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ The previously pending claims have been canceled without prejudice to prosecuting their subject matter at a later time in this application or in other applications.

² Of course, the references to the drawings and specification are to only examples of relevant features. These examples are not the only ways to implement those features that are covered by the claims, and are not to be construed as limitations on the scope of the claims.